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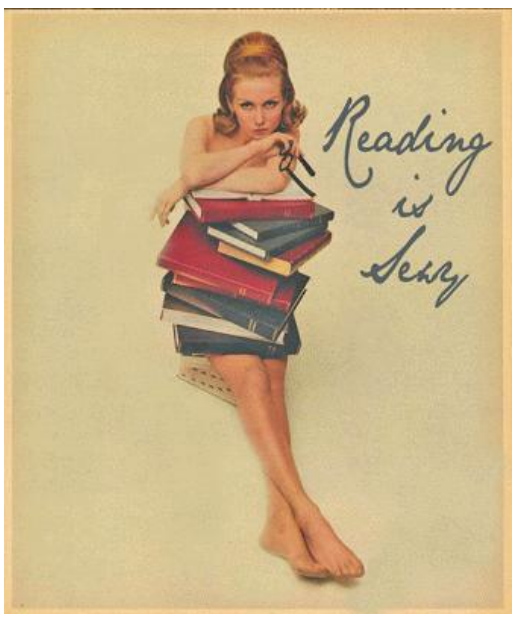


But you knew that already… *Thanks Domestic Anarchy.*

Greetings Readers!

For your browsing convenience, I've updated the Roald Dahl and Current Events pages (see the bottom of the blog).

Links now include the wildly popular Control, Baby!, about Jacob Appelbaum's work for American intelligence, as well as Apple Pie and Snuff Vids?, about BuzzFeed moonlighting as Craig's List for Wet Work– when it comes to Edward Snowden, that is.

Here's a list of updates. Happy reading!

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# HERES THE INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT

Snowden-Interview in English
- 26.01.2014 23:05 Uhr - Autor/in: Hubert Seipel
Whistleblower Edward Snowden leaked the documents about US mass surveillance. He spoke about his disclosures and his life to NDR journalist Seipel in Moscow. (Germany only)
"The greatest fear I have", and I quote you, "regarding the disclosures is nothing will change." That was one of your greatest concerns at the time but in the meantime there is a vivid discussion about the situation with the NSA; not only in America but also in Germany and in Brazil and President Obama was forced to go public and to justify what the NSA was doing on legal grounds.
What we saw initially in response to the revelations was sort of a circling of the wagons of government around the National Security Agency. Instead of circling

A fantastic reader sent me the link to an English-language transcript of Snowden's interview last Sunday, provided by NDR. As a public service, I'm posting the link below ASAP. Thanks again, Hubri5! People like you make blogging great!

Snowden Interview, NDR Jan 26th 2014

Enjoy!

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Wow- having read the interview, I really recommend it. Snowden continually impresses me with his poise and dedication to doing the right thing. He's a national treasure.

So, down to the nitty-gritty. Snowden explains the weasel-words that the US president and apologists for the NSA use to confuse the public about the nature of domestic spying programs– this explanation applies to other governments collaborating with the NSA too.

> ***In many countries, as in America too the agencies like the NSA are not allowed to spy within their own borders on their own people. So the Brits for example they can spy on everybody but the Brits but the NSA can conduct surveillance in England so in the very end they could exchange their data and they would be strictly following the law.***

*If you ask the governments about this directly they would deny it and point to policy agreements between the members of the Five Eyes saying that they won't spy on each other's citizens but there are a couple of key points there. One is that the way they define spying is not the collection of data. The GCHQ is collecting an incredible amount of data on British Citizens just as the National Security Agency is gathering enormous amounts of data on US citizens. What they are saying is that they will not then target people within that data. They won't look for UK citizens or British citizens. In addition the policy agreements between them that say British won't target US citizens, US won't target British citizens are not legally binding. The actual memorandums of agreement state specifically on that that they are not intended to put legal restriction on any government. They are policy agreements that can be deviated from or broken at any time. So if they want to on a British citizen they can spy on a British citizen and then they can even share that data with the British government that is itself forbidden from spying on UK citizens. So there is a sort of a trading dynamic there but it's not, it's not open, it's more of a nudge and wink and beyond that the key is to remember the surveillance and the abuse doesn't occur when people look at the data it occurs when people gather the data in the first place.*

And…

***What could you do if you would sit so to speak in their place with this kind of instrument [XKeyscore]?***

*You could read anyone's email in the world. Anybody you've got email address for, any website you can watch traffic to and from it, any computer that an individual sits at you can watch it, any laptop that you're tracking you can follow it as it moves from place to place throughout the world. It's a one stop shop for access to the NSA's information. And what's more you can tag individuals using "XKeyscore". Let's say I saw you once and I thought what you were doing was interesting or you just have access that's interesting to me, let's say you work at a major German corporation and I want access to that network, I can track your username on a website on a form somewhere, I can track your real name, I can track associations with your friends and I can build what's called a fingerprint which is network activity unique to you which means anywhere you go in the world anywhere you try to sort of hide your online presence hide your identity, the NSA can find you and anyone who's allowed to use this or who the NSA shares their software with can do the same thing. Germany is one of the countries that have access to "XKeyscore".*

And…

***The BND basically argues if we do this [spy on innocent citizens], we do this accidentally actually and our filter didn't work.***

*Right so the kind of things that they're discussing there are two things. They're talking about filtering of ingest which means when the NSA puts a secret server in a German telecommunications provider or they hack a German router and they divert the traffic in a manner that let's them search through things they're saying "if I see what I think is a German talking to another German I'll drop it" but how do you know. You could say "well, these people are speaking the German language", "this IP address seems to be from a German company to another German company", but that's not accurate and they wouldn't dump all of that traffic because they'll get people who are targetes of interest, who are actively in Germany using German communications. So realistically what's happening is when they say there's no spying on Germans, they don't mean that German data isn't being gathered, they don't mean that records aren't being taken or stolen, what they mean is that they're not intentionally searching for German citizens. And that's sort of a fingers crossed behind the back promise, it's not reliable.*

***What about other European countries like Norway and Sweden for example because we have a lot of I think under water cables going through the Baltic Sea.***

*So this is sort of an expansion of the same idea. If the NSA isn't collecting information on German citizens in Germany are they as soon as it leaves German borders? And the answer is "yes". Any single communication that transits the internet, the NSA may intercept at multiple points, they might see it in Germany, they might see it in Sweden, they might see it in Norway or Finland, they might see it in Britain and they might see it in the United States. Any single one of these places that a German communication crosses it'll be ingested and added to the database.*

I have to stop myself from just quoting the whole interview. Snowden devotes time to explaining the problems inherent in outsourcing intelligence, which is something many of his detractors will heartily agree on.

One of the really admirable things about Snowden is that he is polite; he respects the secrecy oaths he took which don't violate his conscience; and he has none of the hateful bitterness I've come to expect from his intelligence-affiliated detractors. At the end of the day the angry shills who call him a "traitor", or the psychopaths who threaten to use their spook super-powers to kill him, aren't just fuming about a 'rogue' co-worker. Snowden has put a mirror to their faces and shown them something substandard about themselves. Deep down, these shills don't like themselves very much, and it's easier to project those bad feelings onto Edward than face the reality about their own character. Snowden's actions are beautiful in a way theirs will never be, at least, will never be

without a personal paradigm shift.

NSA apologists: disengage. You don't have to be whores forever; there's a better life on the outside.

Anyway, for the rest of us, what do we do in the meantime?

> ***One reaction to the NSA snooping is in the very moment that countries like Germany are thinking to create national internets an attempt to force internet companies to keep their data in their own country. Does this work?***
>
> *It's not gonna stop the NSA. Let's put it that way. The NSA goes where the data is. If the NSA can pull text messages out of telecommunication networks in China, they can probably manage to get facebook messages out of Germany. Ultimately the solution to that is not to try to stick everything in a walled garden. Although that does raise the level of sophistication and complexity of taking the information. It's also much better simply to secure the information internationally against everyone rather than playing "let's move the data". Moving the data isn't fixing the problem. Securing the data is the problem.*

If Snowden ever has the time, it would be great to know how he secures his data– I mean programs, browsing habits, connection choices. Learning from a trusted source how best to protect oneself would be very valuable.

Thanks, Edward.

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## APPLE PIE AND SNUFF VIDS?

ARGH!

It seems that for legal reasons, ARD's interview with Snowden is only available for streaming in Germany; if you're so lucky as to live in Deutschland, get the video here. The rest of us will have to wait until somebody enterprising rips it to Youtube.

Nevermind. I can wait. In the meantime, let's address some ugly goings-on. The folks at Deutsche Welle have seen the video, and they write this about it:

> *German NDR television issued a further snippet ahead of a broadcast late Sunday in Europe of an exclusive interview with Snowden in which the intelligence whistleblower claims that US officials wanted him killed.*
>
> *"These people, and they are government officials, have said they would love to put a bullet in my head or poison me when I come out of the supermarket, and then watch as I die in the shower," he told NDR interviewer Hubert Seipel, who said the interview took place last Thursday.*

Snowden's lawyer elaborates further through Russia Today:

> *Speaking to the Russian TV channel, Vesti 24, Kucherena said Snowden is constantly accompanied by his private guards, but given the threats, this* "might not be enough" *to ensure his security.*
>
> *The lawyer said he will demand that the US authorities look into the threatening statements published in the US media, adding that their authors should be identified.*
>
> "The people who make extremist statements do so while wearing a mask – they do not reveal their identities. We will ask for these people's masks to come off. We must know who this NSA officer is, who issues orders about ways to eliminate Edward Snowden," *Kucherena stressed.*
>
> *The US government* "must take note of such statements," *the lawyer added.*

These supermarket threats are particularly weird, because according to BuzzFeed Snowden *does* do his own supermarket shopping:

> *Snowden is particularly worried by a scenario outlined by an Army intelligence officer involving murdering him in the street, Kucherena said, because he does his own shopping and goes outside.*

On Oct 7th 2013, both BuzzFeed and BusinessInsider published pictures of Snowden going to the supermarket. Looks like these outlets' f*cked-up military friends were listening. This is the photo.

All of this makes me ask, “What are these wacko spooks saying on BuzzFeed?” and “Why have they chosen BuzzFeed as their platform?”

Here’s the BuzzFeed article which started it all, titled: America’s Spies Want Edward Snowden Dead

Choice snippets:

> *One Army intelligence officer even offered BuzzFeed a chillingly detailed fantasy.*
>
> *“I think if we had the chance, we would end it very quickly,” he said. “Just casually walking on the streets of Moscow, coming back from buying his groceries. Going back to his flat and he is casually poked by a passerby. He thinks nothing of it at the time starts to feel a little woozy and thinks it’s a parasite from the local water. He goes home very innocently and next thing you know he dies in the shower.”*

Army Intelligence from Fort Hood, maybe? There’s more…

> *“I would love to put a bullet in his head,” one Pentagon official told BuzzFeed.*

And from a world where analysts pick up stuff heavier than a pencil…

> *“In a world where I would not be restricted from killing an American, I personally would go and kill him myself,” a current NSA analyst told BuzzFeed.*

An awful lot of sickos have been talking to BuzzFeed about snuff fantasies. What is it about this news outlet?

Well, it was founded by Jonah Peretti, the same guy who founded *The Huffington Post*— you know, that disappointing online newspaper which teamed up with Pierre Omidyar BEFORE he found Glenn Greenwald and Laura Poitras. See where I’m going?

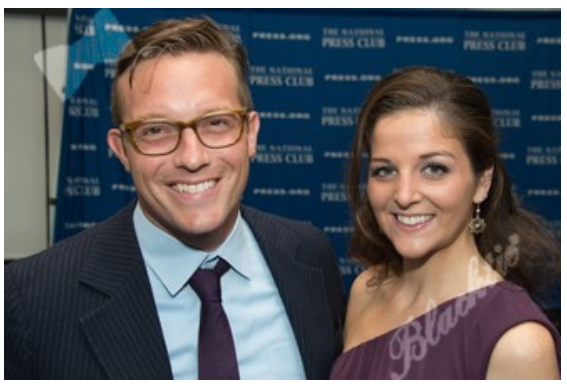
The same people who are promoting Jacob Appelbaum and Tor, are promoting the clean-up agents Greenwald and Poitras, and are providing a platform signaling NSA wackos to go for it: “Your buddies’ll love you for ever and do you recognize this supermarket?”

So who is Jonah Peretti? A poster boy for the American Empire, according to Wikipedia, and *yet another* internet wunderkind:

> *Peretti’s father is Italian-American and his mother is Jewish (Peretti’s stepmother was African-American), though he himself is an atheist.[5][6] A graduate of the MIT Media Lab, Peretti is best known for his experiments with “contagious” or “viral” media, including the parody website BlackPeopleLoveUs.com, which enthusiastically documents a couple’s rapport among the African-American community, and a widely forwarded email thread known as the Nike Sweatshop Emails in which Peretti exchanges politesse with an anonymous Nike representative over why “sweatshop” was not allowed to be printed on his custom Nike iD sneakers.*
>
> *Peretti is member of the New York based artist group Free Art and Technology Lab (a.k.a. FAT Lab).*
>
> *Peretti is married to Andrea Harner and lives in New York City. He is the brother of comedian and writer Chelsea Peretti.*

BTW, this is what he looks like disenfranchised readers:

And, credit where credit’s due, this is a photograph of Benny Johnson, the BuzzFeed contributor to whom no less than **three** psychopaths felt comfortable relating their snuff fantasies:



That’s Benny Johnson and Katelyn Riely, sometimes they like to go to the National Press Club in Washington. Especially when the NPC holds Fourth Estate Dinners. They like Andrea Mitchell.

This is Benny’s twitter blurb:

> *“BuzzFeed- Viral Politics. Love my Family, God and Pipe Tobacco; not in that order. I make internet all day long — benny.johnson@buzzfeed.com WashingtonDC/ New York City · buzzfeed.com/bennyjohnson”*

Isn't that sweet? He loves God!

P.S. You published the photo on Oct. 7th 2013 and he's still kicking. I guess y'all suck.

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## THE SNOWDEN EFFECT

I woke up excited today, because ARD, the German television broadcaster, is supposed to air a half-hour long interview with Edward Snowden. According to last night's teaser for the program, the *next big thing* is that the NSA does industrial espionage.

I thought Greenwald's reporting on the NSA and Petrobras had already blew the lid on that one, but on reflection, Petrobras is a state-owned entity, so imho, American national security interests could be affected and therefore Petrobras is *possibly* a legitimate target. But the spying didn't stop there.

In his ARD interview, Snowden says that the NSA is taking things a step further by spying on companies with information that is useful, not threatening, to the USA. That's crossing a line, though I don't expect ethically-challenged NSA supporters to understand the difference. They've been used to stealing German technology since great-grandpa's time.

> *"I don't want to pre-empt the editorial decisions of journalists but what I will say is there is no question that the US is engaged in economic spying," Snowden told veteran NDR journalist Hubert Seipel. "If there is information at Siemens that they think would be beneficial to the national interests, not the national security, of the United States, they will go after that information and they'll take it."*

To the rest of the world, however, stealing is wrong, even if you have a rich industrialist friend who'll split the profits from a government contract with you. Yeah, even.

It's going to be a busy weekend in newsrooms around America, as pundits desperately try to spin whatever ~~Putin~~ Snowden chooses to talk about today. They've already started at ABC World News with this little nugget:

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It's "The Snowden Effect"!

"The Snowden Effect" happens when innocent American companies partner with the NSA and spy on their economic competitors. These poor US companies are then ostracized by clients in the international community– and *perhaps* even at home by paranoid customers– who no longer wish to work with these American firms, for fear that their data will be pilfered. This is totally unfair, and Mr. Snowden has hurt national interests wiwy baud, as Eric Holder would gladly prove to us, if we all had the proper security clearances. 'Super-special top-secret low-down level four', perhaps?

In my part of the world we have a saying: 'Lie with dogs, rise with fleas.'

If you're going to do shady deals with the NSA for your own economic advancement, it's NO ONE'S FAULT SAVE YOUR OWN when you're found out and shunned. The NSA ruined American technology companies' reputation, not Snowden. American technology companies' own greediness ruined their reputations, not Snowden.

'The NSA Effect'.

'The Greed Effect'.

Not, 'The Snowden Effect'.

I suspect those shills who eagerly lump Edward with the FSB will conveniently forget that Snowden is no longer free to make decisions on his own, and place blame for anything and everything they don't like in tonight's interview at Snowden's feet. If you're going to tar Snowden with

the 'Putin' brush, let's try to be consistent kids. Remember the only reason Snowden's head is still on his shoulders is that he isn't pissing off Putin and embarrassing the Russian leader's American buddies. If Snowden had to rely on American spooks following the rule of law, well…

Make us proud again, Edward. (And are you still rocking the Tor stickers?)

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# WEVE STILL GOT THIS ONE, DAMMIT

"Box-Champion Wladimir Klitschko und Rafael Kujundzic, Chef der Barack Obama Partei." Thank you, http://barackobamapartei.jimdo.com

I've been watching what's going on in Kiev with some interest, because my favorite author, Mikhail Bulgakov, was very active in Ukrainian politics during the maelstrom of post-imperial Russia. I'm shocked by how much, and how little, has changed.

What's hasn't changed, clearly, is who taken the 'revolutionary' side– perhaps better described as the Bolshevik side: America and Western Europe. These powers– increasingly indistinguishable– funded Trotsky & Co. against the White Russians and are now funding 'nationalists' against this century's imperial Russia. It's rather amusing to read various Western pundits try to read 'freedom' and 'democracy' into mob violence. Sorta Libya 2.0. But, try they might, 'cause they're paid to; maybe some of the more stupid ones even believe it.

Ukrainian nationalism seems to be one of the few forms of nationalism that the Anglo-Americanized world doesn't fear. Perhaps the reason behind this lack of fear has something to do with what Bulgakov recognized in the 1910s.

> *To pay for the insanity of the March and October days, for the Ukrainian separatist betrayers, for the way that the workers were debauched, for Brest, for the insane use of printing presses to print money… for everything!*
>
> *And we shall pay.*
>
> *[*Future Prospects*, by Mikhail Bulgakov, from a Grozny newspaper, November 1919.]*

Ukrainian nationalism has the unfortunate aura of impotence around it; outsiders seem to feel that it is a force that can always be turned in on itself once the 'Imperialists' have been undermined. German nationalism, on the other hand, doesn't appear to carry this same fail-safe.

Bulgakov was a Ukrainian by birth, but his ancestry was Russian. His grandfather was a Russian Orthodox priest* and he had sympathies for Imperial Russia. He harbored no illusions that Ukrainian Nationalism was anything but a divisive force working in the interests of Bolshevism, and in today's parlance, cultural marxism.

Bulgakov had an eerie understanding of what this 'cultural marxism' would mean for his countrymen, I encourage you to read the full article I've quoted from above. It's at the end of this post.

> *And we, representatives of a hapless generation, dying still with the status of miserable bankrupts, will have to say to our children:*
>
> *'Pay, pay honorably, and remember eternally the social revolution.'*

The hot-headed nationalist tools who are now storming their police force in Kiev would do well to reflect on what they are risking their necks for: the chance to take a lot of expensive loans from America's prominent banks; the chance to bring all sorts of 'pride' marches to their streets; the chance to pay a foreign multinational exorbitant sums for their electricity… all things that their regional neighbors in the former Yugoslavia understand very well. The boxers Klitschko may wish to turn their attention from Arnold Schwarzenegger and reflect on what happened to Saddam. As humiliating as subservience to Russia must be for any red-blooded Ukrainian, surely subservience to a bunch of effeminate Beltliners is no improvement. Just 'sayin…

Is this a lesson that Ukrainians will have to re-learn every hundred years? Are they willing to prostitute themselves, fulfilling Washington's desire to prove that D.C. can still win in *at least one* foreign policy arena? But somebody should get my coat and drive me home, because Hayden Panettiere and George Clooney can't be wrong. *Duh.*

*Actually, he had two grandfathers who were Orthodox priests.

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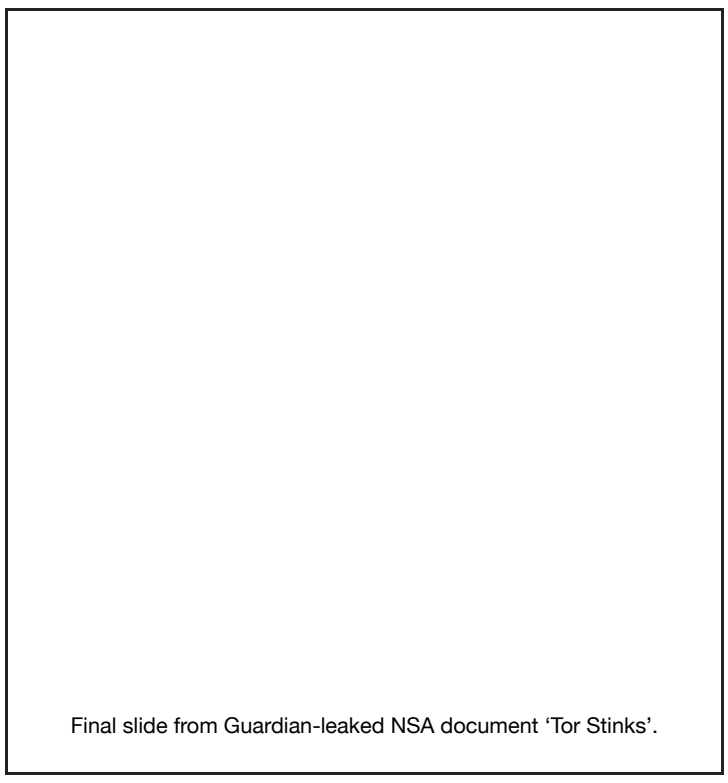
## FOOL ME TWICE



Final slide from Guardian-leaked NSA document 'Tor Stinks'.

My favorite adage is an unfashionable one: 'God helps those who help themselves'.

It's a tough-love piece of advice that doesn't sit well with bleeding hearts of any stripe. But like any unfashionable truth, it needs to be heard. I think that in the wake of the revelations that Snowden made, and Obama's predictable speech on the NSA, this adage needs another airing.

Nobody can expect a corrupt government to fix itself; especially when the rot has had so long to get established. One of the ancient Greek philosophers said it is a citizen's duty to change the law where the law goes against his conscience, but if after a time he fails to change things, it's his duty to leave the city.

How do you 'leave the city' in an age of global surveillance? a.nolen suggests readers take a first step outside the city gates by 'helping themselves' and embracing an uncomfortable truth:

> 'Solutions' to government surveillance which are presented by the media are not real solutions. I'm talking about Tor, 'dark' anything, and that silver bullet, encryption.

The screenshot at the top of this post is from "Tor Stinks", one of the documents that *The Guardian* claims is part of Edward Snowden's leaks. This is the final slide in a presentation on Tor; its authors talk about how to track people using the Tor network. Please read these three bullet points again.

Remember back in 2010 when almost 300 Pentagon computers were found with child pornography on them? That story just fell off the radar, and to this day, nobody at the Defense Department (DoD) has been charged FOR HAVING CHILD PORN (bad enough) ON THEIR WORK COMPUTER. Tor is targeted in Russia under the guise that it is– perhaps truthfully– one of the largest distributors of this type of poison. This slide suggests providing more Tor "client IPs" (computers that Tor can route between) will help the NSA track Tor users.

Let's connect the dots: The Pentagon's nearly 300 kiddie porn computers *were never shut down*. The NSA believes that more DoD-friendly computers on the Tor network will help them track Tor users. The Tor network just happens to include an exceptional number of computers involved in child exploitation. (And Tor's 40% DoD funded in the first place! At least 60% of its funding is US government.)

Is Tor a solution to our spy-state problem? I think not.

Need more convincing? This morning I found a news story that reads like a wet-dream for European statists: *25-Year-Old Arrested After Selling Gun for Bitcoin on Black Market*. The story is a trifecta of everything uninformed European apparatchiks love to hate: an American kid sells GUNS for CRYPTOCURRENCY through TOR. '*Terror, terror, terror!,'* they cry, *'The boy's probably one of those patriots!'* Note how the article points to Snowden documents, then says these documents show Tor is secure when (look above) the documents do precisely the opposite. Readers, what makes this story newsworthy is that the Dutch found the kid *after only one gun*.

Still not enough to put you off Tor? Silk Road, the website that sold drugs for bitcoins, operated as a Tor hidden service. One month after the FBI shuts Silk Road down in a blaze of media fireworks, Silk Road is back up and running. ONE MONTH. *God helps those who help themselves.*

So if you can't rely on Tor can you rely on digital currencies for privacy? The benefit from digital currencies comes from their decentralization and how hard they are to inflate, not necessarily from increased user privacy. Anyone who understands digital currencies will tell you that most of these currencies– including the most popular Bitcoin– are not designed for anonymity. Maintaining anonymity is very difficult at best, you have to know what you're doing, and even then, the encryption

tools you use might be compromised:

> *Cryptographers have long suspected that the agency planted vulnerabilities in a standard adopted in 2006 by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the United States' encryption standards body, and later by the International Organization for Standardization, which has 163 countries as members.*
>
> *Classified N.S.A. memos appear to confirm that the fatal weakness, discovered by two Microsoft cryptographers in 2007, was engineered by the agency. The N.S.A. wrote the standard and aggressively pushed it on the international group, privately calling the effort "a challenge in finesse."*
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> *"Eventually, N.S.A. became the sole editor," the memo says. [From* Revealed: The NSA's Secret Campaign to Crack, Undermine Internet Security, *ProPublica.org Sep. 5, 2013.]*

Encryption standards like SHA-256 may not be designed with weaknesses, but the way they are popularly implemented may be— do you read all of the code that you use? Do you know what every line does, even the undocumented lines? Back in 2012 Bill Binney told us that using encryption was a red flag in the NSA's eyes; it made them more likely to want to watch you. We should all face the fact that we can't trust the NIST or ISO to do our thinking for us. *God helps those who help themselves.*

So, erm, what do you do? You must realize that you don't have to do anything illegal, or even ill-intentioned, to be considered 'enemy'. I don't believe that the NSA runs its domestic data programs because they're voyeuristic, at least, not all of them. They run these programs as an insurance policy: if there's a political movement someone important doesn't like, or a 'rogue' politician or author, the NSA wants to give itself every opportunity to find something to neutralize that threat to their paymasters. (I doubt that the spooks have much ideological motivation. They just like power.)

Therefore, if you want to *do something*, say, organize a political party that you think NSA'ers won't like, it's time to do what the real 'terrorists' do, and set up a face-to-face network. You know, that old 'flesh-and-blood' friend network.

Real 'terrorists' write messages on bits of paper, unsigned, and leave them in dumpsters, under rocks etc. where the recipient knows to look. Real 'terrorists' trust their family and members of their 'in' social group to do what Tor claims to do. That's why the Russians are mulling the ugly but practical notion of targeting the families of 'terrorists'; it's why the US government infiltrators targeted the 'Patriot' movement in the 1990s and why NYC police target Muslim communities. This is where American political rhetoric flies in the face of American practice. In an effort to cut adversaries off from their resources, 'law enforcement' ends up criminalizing ideas, rather than specific actions.

This practice, criminalizing ideas, gives lie to the claim that Snowden's revelations help 'terrorists' work better. 'Terrorists' have known that online networks were untrustworthy for a long time. (That's why Osama used couriers!) The NSA's Facebook, Google, Apple connections are, pure and simple, for watching domestic opposition to the domestic regime and nipping viable political movements off 'in the bud'. Nobody expecting to be targeted by the NSA uses Facebook to organize, or Google docx to write their manifestos!

If you are a concerned citizen who would like to 'leave the city' and found something better, you're going to have to take a page out of the 'terrorists' playbook and leave the easy world of instant messaging, Reddit and Facebook behind. You're going to have to leave Tor and dreams of encryption behind. Step out into the sunshine and talk to the real people around you– Dianne Feinstein melts in sunlight. *God helps those who help themselves.*

2 COMMENTS

## THAT REDDIT DUDE

Whistle a little tune for me…

Alexis Ohanian was on David Gregory's *Meet The Press* television show this morning. (Right after Dianne Feinstein!) Guess what he's saying? *The NSA is harming US tech firms' ability to compete because people no longer trust these firms with their data. NSA abuses have to stop, because they're forcing US tech firms behave badly, and causing 'us' to lose market share. $180 billion worth of market share by revenue. (Oh, by the*

*way, there's no evidence that government abuse actually happened! This is all 'academic'.)*

So, er, evil NSA goons are forcing kids like Ohanian to be uncool. Sound familiar?

Ohanian is an interesting character. He's all about privacy and freedom now, but back in 2011 he tried to sell Reddit data to Stratfor, according to *Russia Today* and Wikileaks. Stratfor bills itself as 'the private CIA'; you can read about this firm's cozy relationship with the sleazy 'freedom' activist Srdja Popovic here. For those who don't use Reddit (good on you), that means Ohanian **wanted** to sell information on what Reddit users said, read and posted through their Reddit accounts. (100 million people use Reddit, according to David Gregory!)

According to *Russia Today*:

> *The newest iteration of the "Global Intelligence Files," which is being disclosed intermittently, reveals that Alexis Ohanian expressed interest in a position with Stratfor back in 2011. Ohanian is best known as a Reddit co-founder but has gone onto to invest in more than 50 internet start-ups en route to becoming one of The Daily Dot's most influential activists of 2012 and Forbes magazine's so-called "Mayor of the Internet," in part because of his anti-secrecy message.*
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> *The discussion, while never leading to any kind of employment, began when Ohanian met Stratfor Chairman George Friedman at Bloomberg TV. A series of emails followed, in which Stratfor communications vice president Meredith Friendman wrote that Ohanian is "*a huge Stratfor fan*" and the two parties "*met and talked about doing something with Reddit for social media*."*
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> *Soon after, Ohanian emailed a proposal that, had the intelligence executives accepted, would have paid Ohanian $25,000 for "*the following discovery phase*:"*
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> *– Audit of the Economist in social media & online*
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> *– This includes twitter, facebook, youtube, blogs, forums, social news, podcasts, etc.*
> *– Audit of Stratfor in social media & online*
> *– Audit of another competitor (if you so desire) in social media & online*
> *– Three potential campaigns for going forward based on our analysis*
> *– Five recommendations concerning your existing profiles (e.g., top 5 ways to improve how you're using twitter right now)*
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> *Moving forward, assuming you love our expertise as much as we think you will, we'd be open to discussing consulting services on retainer.*
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> *Ohanian then emailed: "*If you'd like to call me up for a Skype consulting session I run $1,000/hour*."*
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> *The revelations were quickly noticed by the Reddit community, where forum-members are famous for advocating transparency and authenticity above all. Some openly wondered whether Ohanian had somehow manipulated the site to benefit Stratfor. Multiple links posted on Reddit that redirected users to WikiLeaks' page were mysteriously deleted throught the day Monday.*

*Russia Today* was partially banned from Reddit three days after this August 27th article was published.

You may notice that Ohanian's comments are suspiciously similar to Jacob Appelbaum's stage-show at 30C3 a few weeks ago. Ohanian gets regular US mainstream media exposure, and he appears to be selling himself as the pragmatic face of privacy activism.

Ohanian represents the 'capitalist wunderkind' prong of a multi-prong attack on the debate surrounding NSA abuses. Jacob Appelbaum is the 'nutball geek' prong. I look forward to seeing how many different ways the US intelligence community can reincarnate their message: *Give our corporate buddies a second chance, World, because they are too valuable for us to lose.*

The point of this attack is to save US intelligence's relationship with companies like Facebook, Microsoft, Apple… and I strongly suspect Reddit… because it's useful to know what different people thought at different times. Why? If you ever find yourself in a position of influence, creeps at the NSA would really like to have something on you– or at least "derive suspicion from an innocent life". Close your Reddit account and stay the hell away from Tor.

P.S. For those of you interested in what the intelligence talent pool looks like, Ohanian's father is Armenian, his mother is "German-born" (see his Wiki) and he grew up near Baltimore, Maryland. (That's part of the 'Metroplex' which provides us with so much valuable government talent.) Now, of course, Ohanian lives in Brooklyn and runs Das Kapital Capital, an investment/consultancy firm. I should say, Ohanian runs Das Kapital when he's not on lobbying 'in your interest' on *Meet the Press*.

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INDEXING PANOPTICON

Always with you, always watching. *Thanks, Troglopundit.*

If you had 100 years worth of data on everybody, you'd have a problem because it's difficult to make sense of all that info. You'd need some sort of index variable; a way to order which information belongs together. Without an index it'd be hard to sift through the data and tell "John Doe" in Cleveland from "John Doe" in Cirencester.

How is the NSA going to do it? It seems that everybody on earth would need their own number.

Funny how Facebook lets you login with your cell number now. Google, Yahoo both want cell numbers for their services. (They want proof it's your current, working number!) Ostensibly, this security is so they can send you your password should you forget it… they *require* this for your own good.

Are these NSA-abuse-complicit data pimps interested in hand phones because of their innate altruism? The acid test is if you're allowed to decline their 'protection': my new Hotmail account froze itself a few months ago because I refused to give it my digits. I can still receive emails, just not send them. Thank God my account's social network mapping functionality hasn't been forfeited. *I feel safer!* (Curiously, my older Hotmail account still works cell-number-free. Must have been 'grandfathered'.)

anolen.com suspects that those creepy NSA agents down in Utah see you as a 10-digit number, maybe a few more if y'er a 'feriner.

Thinking about it, this shouldn't come as a surprise.

1) Retroactive immunity for telecoms– rather than, say, credit companies– suggests that telecom data is some sort of lynch-pin.

2) Cells are like geolocating devices and the FCC made telephone number portability a requirement for service providers back in 2003. (Happy Anniversary! We Have 10 Years of Your Data Indexed!)

3) Cell phones are globally distributed, even in ~~natural resource rich~~ terrorist-filled, third-world countries.

4) There's decades of legacy database-manipulation code dealing with phone #s, which companies like IBM can sell to make cross-referencing so simple even the government can do it.

5) Oh yeah, and the software your cell runs on is insecure as hell. What a handy spying device!

My philosophy: don't give out your cell # if you can avoid it. I suspect that when I use 'free' online service providers for email, etc. they're going to steal my data and share it with greasy NSA misfits. Therefore, I'm going to make these goons work hard by using a service like GMX.com, which doesn't yet require a cell. GMX is probably trying to index my info by juggling my IP address, which makes indexing *a little harder* than plugging a phone number into a GUI, and that makes it *a little more likely* some 'gubment programmer will screw up and be left with gibberish. Every little helps.

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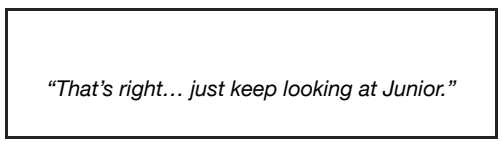
## THOSE FUNKY RAYS



*"That's right… just keep looking at Junior."*

When Jacob Appelbaum blew my "f*cking mind" at 30C3 with the revelation that NSA baddies beam energy into me and (possibly) Hugo Chavez, I had a nagging suspicion that I'd heard of such things before.

Try thirty years before.

1985 gave us a great book called *The Body Electric: Electromagnetism and the Foundation of Life* by Robert Becker, M.D. and Gary Selden. I won't beat around the bush, the Navy and US Army (at least) have been beaming stuff at themselves and the general public for a long time. Here's my favorite part:

> *In the early 1960s Frey [Allen Frey] found that when microwaves of 300 to 3000 megahertz were pulsed at specific rates, humans (even deaf people) could "hear" them.*

*The beam caused a booming, hissing, clicking or buzzing, depending on the exact frequency and pulse rate and the sound seemed to come from just behind the head.*

*At first Frey was ridiculed for this announcement, just like many radar technicians who'd been told they were crazy for hearing certain radar beams. Later work has shown that the microwaves are sensed somewhere in the temporal region just above and slightly in front of the ears. The phenomenon apparently results from pressure waves set up in brain tissue, some of which activate the sound receptors of the inner ear via bone conduction, while others directly stimulate nerve cells in the auditory pathways. Experiments on rates have shown that a strong signal can generate a sound pressure of 120 decibels, or approximately the level near a jet engine takeoff.*

*Obviously such a beam could cause humans severe pain and prevent all voice communication. That the same effect can be used more subtly was demonstrated in 1973 by Dr. Joseph C. Sharp of the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research. Sharp, serving as a test subject himself, heard and understood spoken words delivered to him in an echo-free isolation chamber via a pulsed-microwave audiogram (an analog of the words' sound vibrations) beamed into his brain. Such a device has obvious applications in covert operations designed to drive a target crazy with "voices" or deliver undetectable instructions to a programmed assassin. There are also indications that other pulse frequencies cause similar pressure waves in other tissues, which could disrupt various metabolic processes. A group under R. G. Olsen and J. D. Grissett at the Naval Aerospace Medical Research Laboratory in Pensacola has already demonstrated such effects in simulated muscle tissue and has a continuing contract to find beams effective against human tissues.*

Guess what Gen Alexander: You could *probably* have stopped Dick Cheney's heart even before he got his pacemaker! Bummer you didn't wow the Black Hat hecklers with that wicked smaaaat.

Jacob's thirty-year-old breaking news– yet another slight of hand at 30C3 from an amateurish demagogue. I don't think Snowden risked his life to out information you can pick up for $5 on Amazon.

I'll never get tired of saying this: Hugo Chavez's cancer is not the issue. The issue is Facebook, Google, Microsoft and other American companies working with the NSA to track your life. Why? You might do something great one day; something which makes Dianne Feinstein sweat. In that event, her best hope is to "derive suspicion from an innocent life". Thank you, Edward.

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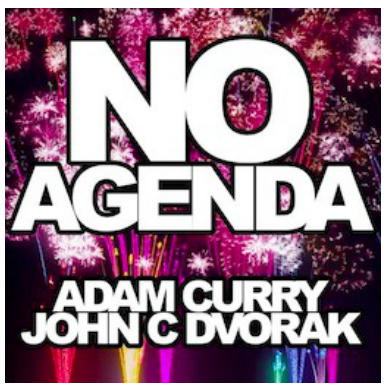
## OUR FIRST PICK UP!

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Greetings readers! anolen.com has received it's first media pick-up!

The No Agenda Show, Adam Curry and John Dvorak's podcast, picked up the story about Jacob Appelbaum's/Laura Poitras' spook creds! Appelbaum is trying to save US tech firms' value as intelligence sources at the EXPENSE of full-time NSA spooks.

Jacob ain't a hero, neither is Laura… and now a hell of a lot of people know about it. *Sweet.*

Thanks guys!

Adam makes a good point that what Laura and Jacob are doing is buying Germany a place into Five Eyes– that the pair are German intelligence agents. This may be true, but I still stand by my belief that these two work for the Americans. First and foremost what they are doing is preserving US intelligence's most valuable assets: the tech companies that everybody gives their data to. In addition, the US/mainstream media has been very kind to Appelbaum, considering what they've said about Julian Assange and Wayne Masden. (Why would they have a soft spot for a German agent?)

Germany can certainly use Laura and Jacob too– there may even be a faction inside Five Eyes that wants to make Germany a sixth 'eye' and L,G,J are tools to that end. There doesn't have to be just one goal.

P.S. Can I (anolen.com) get a No Agenda 'Knaveship' for the contribution?

Here's the show, Appelbaum comes about an hour in:

No Agenda Show for Thursday January 2nd 2014

Warren, Melinda & I

That's a streaming link, it'll die in a few days. You can get a copy of the show at the show archives after that. Anolen.com articles are in the shownotes. Awesome!

Otherwise, get the goods right here!

Control, Baby!

Appelbaum goes full-r'tard at 30C3.

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Guess who he's not thanking.

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Who said being a spy was glamorous?

The Strange Story of Mrs. Pankhurst

This is how popular movements are undermined, by guys like Glenn Greenwald.

Absolutions and Absolutions II

How Appelbaum, Greenwald and Mommy Poitras are trying to get NSA- complicit companies off the hook.

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Who pays for Jacob Appelbaum.

Please stand up, Mr. Omidyar

Poitras and Greenwald have outed themselves.

Avoid Being Despised and Hated

Ladies like Dianne Feinstein and what they're afraid of.

Comparative Literature

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Uncle! Uncle!

A little on Pierre Omidyar.

Revelation Fatigue and Revelation Fatigue II

NYT weirdness on Laura and Glenn; how operations like the Snowden Clean-Up work.

The Sandbox

What Laura does in the Middle East. This is ugly.

Are You Sure you're Sleeping Well Mr. Appelbaum?

Appelbaum is not Snowden's friend.

The Latest from Sheremetyevo

Putin is not Snowden's friend.

An Embarrassment of Riches

Brits behaving badly– they have been for a while!

Snowden Interview and Snowden Interview II

His words plus my commentary. The American companies collusion with the NSA is the big revelation.

And finally, a little historical background to communications companies and espionage…

The Fabulous Marconi

Marconi Lives!

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